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THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF SUBJECT RESPONSE PUBLISHED IN JULY 6 BULLETIN TODAY ALONG WITH PICTURE OF CHARGE' CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT MARCOS IN PRESENCE OF MRS. MARCOS AND MRS. STULL. IT SHOULD BE ADDED THAT THE BELOW TEXT HAS BEEN PLAYED IN PART AND FULL ON TELEVISION AND RADIO FOR PAST TWO DAYS.

QUOTE: MINISTER LEE STULL WORRIES ABOUT PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN RELATIONS. I WOULD SAY THERE IS A CONTINUING RESERVOIR OF GOODWILL FOR AMERICANS AMONG FILIPINOS, AND SO LONG AS YOU MANAGE TO BRING SUCH PERFORMERS AS THE ALVIN AILEY DANCE TROUPE TO THE PHILIPPINES, WE CAN SAY THAT THAT RESERVOIR OF GOODWILL WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL TIME.

THE CONGRATULATIONS WE EXTEND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAY ARE ON THIS OCCASION JOINED TO OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO ALVIN AILEY AND HIS TROUPE, WHO HAVE JUST DEMONSTRATED TO US SUCH FLAWLESS TECHNIQUE THAT THERE IS NOTHING BUT WONDERMENT AND ADMIRATION EVEN  
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AMONG THE UNINTIATED...

SINCE JULY 4, 1946, WHEN THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS BROUGHT DOWN BY THE LAST AMERICAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE PHILIPPINES, LEAVING THE FILIPINO FLAG ALL ALONE AND SOVEREIGN OVER THESE ISLANDS, I HAVE YET TO REMEMBER A JULY 4TH CELEBRATION LIKE THIS ONE.

I AM THEREFORE HONORED TO HAVE BEEN INVITED WITH MY WIFE WHO, AS GOVERNOR OF METRO MANILA, IS PROPERLY OUR HOST, WE BEING WITHIN HER JURISDICTION. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE EVER ADDRESSED SO MANY AMERICANS SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

AN AMERICAN OF OUR CENTURY ONCE SAID, "AMERICA IS A TUNE. IT MUST BE SUNG TOGETHER." IT IS A TUNE THAT HAS BEEN SUNG THESE PAST 200 YEARS, AND WILL BE, FOR MANY MANY YEARS TO COME.

AND WHAT WE SAY OF AMERICA, WE CAN PERHAPS SAY ALSO OF PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO WONDER ABOUT THIS FRIENDSHIP, HOW IT CONTINUES TO ENDURE, HOW IT CONTINUES TO GROW DESPITE WHAT MINISTER STULL HAS REFERRED TO AS THE SLIGHT DISPUTES AND LITTLE DISCREPANCIES OF THOUGHT THAT OCCASIONALLY REACH THE MEDIA -- THINGS LIKE MILITARY BASES, MILITARY ASSISTANCE, MUTUAL DEFENSE, TRADE PREFERENCES, PX GOODS, AND OTHER MATTERS OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE.

THE EXPLANATION LIES AT THE VERY CORE OF OUR BEING TWO SEPARATE PEOPLES; IT LIES IN THE PAIN AND TRAUMA  
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OF GROWING INTO ADULTHOOD ON THE PART OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE, IN THE SUDDEN REALIZATION OF A RESPONSIBILITY AND BURDEN WHICH IS SOMETIMES TOO HEAVY FOR THEIR WEAK

AND NARROW SHOULDERS. ONE THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS ALSO THE TRAUMA OF AMERICA --OF WATERGATE, AFTER VIETNAM.

THERE IS A SAYING IN PILIPINO WHICH GOES:  
"THE CARABAO, IRRITATED BY THE FLY, BUTTS AT EVERYONE AND HITS THE OWNER NEARBY."

YES, WE SOMETIMES TEND TO EXPRESS OURSELVES MORE POINTEDLY TO THE PERSON CLOSE TO US. AND WHICH TWO OTHER NATIONS COULD BE CLOSER THAN AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES? AND SO WE SCOLD EACH OTHER OCCASIONALLY. WE SCOLD EACH OTHER WHEN WE ARE OTHERWISE IRRITATED BY THE WORLD AT LARGE. THAT IS WHAT HUSBANDS AND WIVES ARE FOR, THAT IS WHAT BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE FOR. OR SO I AM TOLD.

BUT THE INTERWEAVING OF OUR HISTORIES HAS BEEN SO POWERFUL AND LASTING THAT WE CANNOT TELL THE STORY

OF OUR OWN PEOPLE WITHOUT TELLING ALSO PART OF YOUR  
OWN.

WHAT TOOK PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES 201 YEARS  
AGO ALSO TOOK PLACE IN OUR COUNTRY 122 YEARS LATER.  
THE DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE EMBODIED, IN  
THE WORDS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, "HOPE TO THE WORLD..."  
THAT IN DUE TIME, THE WEIGHTS SHOULD BE LIFTED FROM  
THE SHOULDERS OF ALL MEN." THE SAME HOPE WE, TOO,  
HAD SOUGHT TO REAFFIRM IN OUR OWN DECLARATION.

IT IS PARADOX THAT OUR OWN DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE SHOULD COINCIDE WITH, AND BE THWARTED  
BY, THE BEGINNING OF OUR LINKS WITH THE UNITED STATES.  
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BUT IF AMERICAN'S ANNEXATION OF THE PHILIPPINES PRESENTS  
US WITH A PARADOX, HER GRACEFUL RETURN OF PHILIPPINE  
SOVEREIGNTY TO OUR PEOPLE HELPS TO SUGGEST THAT THE  
POINT MAY HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, INDEED, IN AMERICA'S FAVOR.

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FOR IN FULFILLING HER PROMISE TO GRANT FULL  
AND COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE TO THE PHILIPPINES IN 1946,  
AMERICA MADE UNTENABLE ONCE AND FOREVER THE CONTINUATION  
OF EMPIRE AROUND THE WORLD. THIS DECLARATION  
DISMANTLED ALL THE COLONIES OF ALL THE BIG NATIONS  
AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

TO BE SURE, THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE DID NOT USHER A NEW IDEA INTO THE WORLD  
THAT HAD SINCE ANCIENT TIMES SOUGHT TO INFLAME THE  
HEARTS AND MINDS OF MEN WITH THE PASSION FOR FREEDOM.  
BUT THERE WAS IN THE WINNING OF A NATIONHOOD IN  
AMERICA, THE BASE OF AN AUTHENTIC NEW BEGINNING IN  
HUMAN AFFAIRS. AS GEORGE WASHINGTON HIMSELF PUT IT,  
SELF-GOVERNMENT IN AMERICA WAS AN "EXPERIMENT  
ENTRUSTED IN THE HANDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."

AND WHAT AN EXPERIMENT IT TURNED OUT TO BE.

IN 1837, LINCOLN COULD SAY TO A YOUNG MEN'S  
LYCEUM IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: "ALL THE ARMIES OF  
EUROPE, ASIA, AND AFRICA COMBINED WITH ALL THE  
TREASURES OF THE EARTH (EXCEPT OUR OWN) IN THEIR  
MILITARY CHEST, WITH A BONAPARTE FOR A COMMANDER,  
COULD NOT BY FORCE TAKE A DRINK FROM THE OHIO, OR  
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MAKE A TRACK ON THE BLUE RIDGE IN A TRIAL OF A  
THOUSAND YEARS." TODAY, THE FULLNESS OF THAT  
PROMISE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. AMERICA IS  
UNRIVALED IN HER PROSPERITY AND WEALTH, UNDISPUTED  
IN HER POWER AND INFLUENCE AROUND THE WORLD.

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICA HAS KNOWN THE TRIALS  
OF WAR, AND THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE. BUT IT HAS NOT  
LACKED THOSE CONSTANT QUALITIES WHICH THE TRANSITION  
OF YEARS AND THE TRANSFORMATIONS OF HISTORY HAVE  
THEMSELVES MADE PERMANENT. OUR SENSE OF INDIVIDUALITY  
HAS LED US TO RESIST SOME OF THE VALUES AMERICA HAD  
SOUGHT TO IMPLANT UPON OUR NATIVE SOIL, AND  
THERE ARE SOME GIFTS WE HAVE HAD TO REJECT AS NOT  
ENTIRELY FIT TO OUR NATIONAL TEMPERAMENT.

BUT BY AND LARGE, MUTATIONS IN OUR NATIONAL  
OUTLOOK, OVERWHELMING AND IRRESISTIBLE THOUGH THEY  
MAY HAVE BEEN, HAVE ONLY SERVED TO STRENGTHEN, RATHER  
THAN TO ERODE, THE FABRIC OF OUR RELATIONS, AND  
THOUGH WE MAY PROFESS INDIVIDUALITY OF VISION AND  
PURPOSE, BEING OURSELVES DIFFERENT IN CIRCUMSTANCE,  
STILL WE PERCEIVE OUR COURSES NOT TO BE SEPARATE BUT  
JOINED.

THERE LIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES A PARALLEL  
IDEALISM WHICH HAS BEEN US THROUGH MUCH ADVERSITY  
IN THE PAST, AND WHICH I HAVE NO DOUBT WILL ENDURE.  
FOR ROTTED IN OUR DEEPEST NATIONAL CONVICTIONS IS

OUR KNOWLEDGE OF OURSELVES AS TWO PEOPLES MEANT TO  
PURSUE, AND CAPABLE ONLY OF THE LOFTIEST PURPOSES  
AND THE NOBLEST GOALS.

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WOODROW WILSON ONCE SAID THAT "NOTHING MAKES  
AMERICA GREAT EXCEPT HER THOUGHTS, EXCEPT HER IDEALS,"  
AND THE GREATEST SINGLE CONCENTRATION OF WEALTH AND  
POWER IN HISTORY HAS SINCE BEEN DEDICATED TO KEEPING  
ALIVE AND PURE THE GENEROUS MAGNITUDE OF THOSE IDEALS.

THIS HAS BEEN THE GREATEST SINGLE FORCE IN YOUR  
HISTORY, AND IF I MAY ADD, ALTOUGH MODESTLY,  
ALSO IN OUR OWN. AND TODAY, AS YOU SEEK TO  
DISPEL THE CLOUDS THAT HAVE BLURRED THE ONCE UNIVERSAL  
UNDERSTADING OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN, WE OFFER TO YOU  
THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE FILIPINO NATION,  
ESPECIALLY OF ITS POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

HAVING SEIZED IN YOUR HANDS THE RESPONSIBILITY  
TO LEAD, YOU NOW PRESIDE OVER THE MORAL REVOLUTION OF  
OUR TIMES, AND IN THIS NONE OF US CAN FAIL. FOR THIS  
IS AMERICA'S ROLE TODAY -- TO LEAD IN THE MORAL  
REVOLUTION OF THIS MOST CHALLENGING PERIOD IN WORLD  
HISTORY.

JOHN F. KENNEDY HAD AN IRRESISTIBLE AND INSPIRED  
IDEA THAT PARTNERS IN ADVERSITY SHOULD NOW BECOME  
PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY. OUR PARTNERSHIP HAS  
BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY ENDOWED BY BOTH. BUT AT THIS TIME,  
WHEN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ARE STRUGGLING TO FREE  
THEMSELVES FROM THE CURSE OF POVERTY, HUNGER, IGNORANCE,  
DISEASE -- FROM THAT GENERAL EMPTINESS OF PURPOSE AND  
RESTLESSNES OF SPRITI, WE NEED TO SUMMON OUR BEST  
EFFORTS TOWARDS THE MAKING OF THAT KIND OF PROSPERITY  
WHICH FULFILLS IN EVERY MAN THE DEEPEST THIRST FOR  
EQUALITY, FOR FREEDOM, FOR JUSTICE -- WHICH FULFILLS  
HIS PRIMORDIAL RIGHTS TO BE HIMSELF -- TO BE A MAN.

THIS IS THE IDEAL OF AMERICA. IT, TOO, IS OUR IDEAL.

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THANK YOU. END QUOTE.  
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